

Boston, September 19. 1848.

My dear Miss Carpenter,

I am now for the first time able to acknowledge the receipt of the parcel which you sent to me by the hand of Mr. Emerson, although as he arrived here in July I ought to have received it sooner. It was brought to the Antislavery Office on the 13th inst. — 6 days only since! Mr. Emerson lives 20 miles from Boston, and that may have rendered it inconvenient to him to transmit it immediately, but I can scarcely account for so long a delay.

I thank you for the various publications which you ~~has~~ sent me, "Politics for the People" I should judge (from a very cursory perusal of it, as yet) would prove a highly useful work. Very plain & direct & homely even in its style, it seems to be controlled by high principles, and to possess a sincere sympathy with the people's cause, without running into any sanction of violent outbreaks on their part. The

little tracts from your brother Philip
for H. C. Wright, S. J. May, & others will be
duly forwarded.

Your note bears date at Liverpool,
I am glad to find you moving about in
the pleasant summer; it must be not
only pleasant but beneficial to you. I
hope your Mother's health is good - and
that of the rest of your family also. Please
remember me to them, not omitting your
Sister Mrs. Thomas.

You speak of the Chartists, and of the
sympathy which, you suppose, is generally
felt for them in this country. It is true
that much sympathy is felt here in their
cause, or rather in the objects for which they
are contending; but there is, I think, less
little sympathy in their violent plans for
accomplishing those objects. So far as I un-
derstand the objects of the Chartists, I think
them just, equal, what is due to them as
men, & what is absolutely needful to elevate
them to a social position where they will
learn to respect themselves, & so become worthy
of the respect of others. - There is a class in
this country - not very numerous, I suspect,

but rather noisy & quite persevering -
who will approve & aid any movement,
got up by anybody whatever, which
looks likely to embarrass the British
government, and cripple British power.

The defeat of the Irish revolutionary
schemes was a terrible extinguisher upon
the hopes & plans of these men - it really
"put them out" entirely! Scarce a word
has been uttered by them for many weeks;
and there is no encouragement, clearly, for them
to be very talkative.

But I hope England
is not going to be content with crushing Irish
rebellion. Irish misery ought to be well
considered, relieved, & measurably prevented.

You have a strong Government, as is plain
from its triumphant success in several
most critical seasons, and in a year when
nearly every other European ^{throne} fell, or at least
was shaken awfully. If so strong to suppress
violence, to disperse & scatter legions of disaf-
fected men, it must have strength to benefit
them, and to ~~make~~ open a way for their
ultimate rescue and relief.

I do not know how much circulation
as yet Theo. Parker's Letter on Slavery has had

about which you inquire. It is, as you say,
an admirable & very useful work. He has
recently published a "Sermon of the Mexican War"
which is very warmly commended, and by many
thought to surpass in power any of his previous
occasional efforts. I have not yet had the time to
read it. Mr. Parker has had a trying time with
sickness in his family this summer. His wife's Aunt,

Miss Mary Carpenter,
Great George Street,
Bristol.

Care J. B. Estlin Esq.

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Who has for long years been to Mr. Parker as a mother,
died with the dysentery, accompanied I believe with typhus
fever. Mr. Parker herself was extremely ill, but is now much
better. A servant woman, to whom they were much
attached, & who had long lived with Miss Cabot (the Aunt)
as well as themselves, died just 3 weeks after Miss C. - Mr.
Parker, instead of getting a few weeks' recreation (as he had
expected) for himself, has been obliged for a long time to
be a nurse unto his sick. Dysentery & similar diseases
have been very prevalent, & very fatal, in N. England this summer.
With sincere regard, I remain, Yours Saml May Jr.